

A MINING MACHINE AND METHOD OF MINING

Abstract

A mining apparatus 10 to mine coal from a seam 11. The apparatus 10 includes a continuous miner 12 to form a mine road 13. Extending along the road 13 is a conveyor 15 having a forward end 20 to which the mined material from the continuous miner 12 is delivered. The apparatus 10 further includes an auger mining machine that advances an auger drill string 28 into the coal seam 11 in a direction generally normal to the road 13, with the mined material also being delivered to the conveyor 15.

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